THE RISEN LORD AS OUR LIVING HOPE.

1Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

INTRO:-

A. The people to whom the epistle was addressed.

B. The hopelessness of the people at that time.

1. The hopelessness of the Gentiles in their paganism.

2. The hopelessness of the Jews in their Judaism.

3. The hopelessness of the disciples in their lost Christ.

C. Read "When the Easter Angel sang"

I. Our Hope in the Risen Lord a living hope.

1. Life's pathway is strewn with our dead hopes. Coral Is.

2. In the Risen Christ, however, all our worthy desires, expectations, and achievements are realized.

II. Our Hope in the Risen Christ is our triumph over sin.

1. Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

2Cor 5:21 "Him who knew no sin he made to become sin in our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

"Reckon yourselves to be dead unto sin."

2. The grip of the Catholic Church on their people, the Mass.

3 Not as Teacher, Reformer, Ideal, or Example, but as Savior is X recognized in the

III. Our Hope in the Risen Christ is Fellowship with God.

"but alive unto God."

"Every man that hath this Hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

IV. Our Hope in the Risen Lord is our Fellowship with one another

Christ died, not for ourselves only, but for all.

V. Our Hope in the Risen Lord is our assurance of immortality.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most miserable."